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SUBJECT: IEA: DAVIGNON PRESS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS SECRETARIAT'S SUMMARY AND TRANSLATION OF
KEY POINTS IN CHAIRMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 16:

BEGIN TEXT

- DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE
ON AVENUE KLEBER, PERMANENT CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED WITH
THE MEMBERS OF THE IEA TO INFORM THEM AND RECEIVE THEIR
ADVICE.

- ON THE MEANING OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE PREPARA-
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ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE

PRESIDENT'S (M. DE GUIRANGAUD) STATEMENT EXPRESSING "THE DESIRE TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE AND TO REMAIN IN CONTACT THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS WITH A VIEW TO RENEWING THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE". AT THE OUTSET, NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAD A CORRECT APPRECIATION OF THE POSITION OF THE OTHERS. A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED AND ALL THE DELEGATIONS WILL RE-EXAMINE THE PROBLEM WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

- IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE PREDICTIONS NOW ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS TO COME. ALL THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIALOGUE REMAINS INDISPENSABLE. THE MEMBERS OF THE IEA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THIS GOAL AND WILL TAKE CONCRETE ACTION TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED DISCUSSIONS.

- THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS OF CONTACT INCLUDE:

1. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AMONG THE CONCERNED PARTIES;

2. DISCUSSIONS WITHIN ALREADY EXISTING MULTINATIONAL FRAMEWORKS IN ORDER TO SMOOTH OUT THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED ON MATTERS SUCH AS RAW MATERIALS, FOOD PROBLEMS AND AID TO THE LEAST FAVORED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

3. PERSONAL CONTACTS. NO AVENUE OF PROCEDURE AND NO MATTER OF SUBSTANCE WOULD BE NEGLECTED TO ACHIEVE THE DIALOGUE.

QUESTION - HOW CAN THE IEA CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE WHEN IT IS REJECTED BY ALGERIA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS AN AGENT OF CONFRONTATION?

ANSWER - BY THE INITIATIVES AND DECISIONS WE WILL TAKE AND BY THE DEMONSTRATION THAT THE AGENCY UNITES 18 COUNTRIES WITH A COMMON POLICY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY BROUGHT UP AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 1974.

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- THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH OPEC WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL 28-29 MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

- THE PRESENCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE IS INDISPENSABLE. THEY HAVE A CONCEPT OF WHAT THEY WANT AND HAVE COORDINATED THEIR POSITION.

- ON THE "BREAKDOWN" OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE:
ONE MUST BE CAREFUL OF THE WORD "BREAKDOWN". THIS WAS
NOT A MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, BUT A MEETING OF
CIVIL SERVANTS; IT IS JUST ONE PART OF THE PREPARATORY
PHASE THAT DID NOT SUCCEED.

TO SAY THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WANTED A
CONFERENCE ONLY ON ENERGY IS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION
OF THEIR POSITION. ON 11TH APRIL THE EEC, USA AND JAPAN

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ACCEPTED A DISCUSSION ON OTHER QUESTIONS INCLUDING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, OTHER RAW MATER-
IALS AND FOOD. THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE THIRD WORLD

WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS. THUS, IT IS NOT TRUE TO SAY THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES STUCK TO THE POSITION THAT ONLY ENERGY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED;

THERE ARE TWO METHODS OF NEGOTIATING:

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUES AND OF THE CONFERENCE WE WERE AIMING AT, ALL SIDES AGREED THAT THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD FOLLOW THE SECOND METHOD OF NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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(A) TO REACH A RAPID AGREEMENT NO MATTER HOW VAGUE THE TEXT;

(B) TO CLARIFY THE ISSUES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE ADJOURNED BECAUSE AFTER 10 DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

- A GREAT DEAL OF ADDITIONAL PREPARATION NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD AND SOME PROGRESS MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE LEFT ALL PROCEDURAL OPTIONS OPEN. ALGERIA AND THE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE PREPARATION. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE DIFFICULTIES CAN BE RESOLVED, FOR WE WERE NOT THAT FAR AWAY FROM AN AGREEMENT.

- THE WORK OF THE IEA WILL CONCENTRATE INTERNALLY IN FOUR FIELDS:

. THE DEFINITION OF A CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE END OF 1975 AND FOR 1976;

. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT;

. PURSUIT OF OUR DISCUSSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OIL MARKET;

. STIMULATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES.

EXTERNALLY, ITS WORK WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ON ACTIONS TO STIMULATE THE DIALOGUE.

- OIL PRODUCERS ARE AS ANXIOUS AS THE INDUSTRIAL-
IZED COUNTRIES THAT THE IEA TAKE ACTION ON ALL THE ABOVE,
ESPECIALLY ON CONSERVATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
ENERGY SOURCES. OIL PRODUCERS WILL BE ASSOCIATED IN
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PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP THESE NEW SOURCES.

- EVERYONE HAS AGREED ON THE CONCEPT OF OUR INTER-
DEPENDENCE AND EVERYONE HAS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. WE
MUST FIND OUT IF WE HAVE SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUND TO
HOLD A CONFERENCE. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE QUES-

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TION OF A PRIORITY FOR ENERGY, BUT THE PROPOSED AGENDA CONTAINS ALL POSSIBLE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND THESE CANNOT BE TREATED ALL AT ONCE. THE GAP IN OUR POSITIONS IS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL AS MUCH AS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

- THE ISSUE OF IEA PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WAS NOT A CAUSE OF FAILURE. IF THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ON THE AGENDA, THE QUESTION OF IEA PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AN INSUPERABLE BARRIER. THE DECISION THAT EACH SIDE WOULD CHOOSE ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE APPLIED TO OBSERVERS AS WELL.

- THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES DID NOT MENTION THE
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QUESTION OF PRICES IN THE DISCUSSION ON OIL BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED IT A CONFRONTATIONAL ISSUE. IN THE SAME WAY, ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF EXPORT EARNINGS COULD BE DISCUSSED, MAINTENANCE OF PURCHASING POWER SHOULD NOT BECAUSE IT IMPLIES INDEXATION, ANOTHER CONFRONTATIONAL ISSUE. IT WAS UNFAIR FOR THE LDC'S TO INSIST THAT THE SUBJECT OF THEIR CONCERN BE DISCUSSED WHILE THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DID NOT INSIST ON DISCUSSING PRICE, THE SUBJECT OF PRIME CONCERN TO THEM. END TEXT
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